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STEEL & MINES DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

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Subject : Constitution of Study Group on revision of rates of dead rent, surface rent and royalty for Minor Minerals.

No.5740-IV (DS) SM-09/2019/S&M.—Whereas, rule 25 of Odisha Minor Mineral Concession (OMMC) Rules, 2016 provides that holder of the prospective license cum mining lease or a mining lessee shall be liable to pay dead rent, surface rent, royalty and fees etc. at the rates specified in Schedule-I and Schedule-II of the said Rules.

Whereas, aforesaid rule further provides that the State Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, amend the said Schedules to revise the rates of dead rent, surface rent, royalty etc., but no revision shall be made before expiry of three years from the date when the rates were last fixed.

Whereas, the Schedule-I and Schedule-II specifying the rates of dead rent, surface rent, royalty etc. for minor minerals have not been amended since the date of inception of the Odisha Minor Mineral Concession (OMMC) Rules with effect from 15th December, 2016.

Thus, in order to review the prevalent rates *vis-a-vis* revision and to make recommendations to the Government on revision of rates of royalty, dead rent and surface rent for minor minerals, the Government have been pleased to constitute a Study Group under the Chairmanship of the Special Secretary to Government, Steel & Mines Department. The composition of the Study Group is as follows:

1	Special Secretary to Government, Steel & Mines Department.	...	Chairman
2	Director of Mines, Odisha	...	Member
3	Additional Secretary to Government, Steel & Mines Department in charge of the subject of minor minerals.	...	Member

4	Representative of Revenue & Disaster Management Department (Not below the rank of Joint Secretary).	...	Member
5	Representative of Finance Department (Not below the rank of Joint Secretary).	...	Member
6	Representative of Industries Department (Not below the rank of Joint Secretary).	...	Member
7	Representative of works Department (Not below the rank of Joint Secretary).	...	Member
8	Representative of R.D. Department (Not below the rank of Joint Secretary).	...	Member
9	Representative of P.R. & D.W. Department (Not below the rank of Joint Secretary).	...	Member
10	Representative of W.R. Department (Not below the rank of Joint Secretary).	...	Member
11	Expert members to be nominated by the chairman.	...	Member(s)
12	Joint Director, Office of the Director of Mines, Odisha.	...	Member Convener

The Terms of Reference of the Study Group shall be:—

- (i) The mechanism for fixation of royalty dead rent and surface rent prevailing in other States and comparison in Odisha.
- (ii) To review the existing royalty on minor minerals and recommend the revision of rates and the need to move the rates decisively for fixation on ad-valorem price of these minerals where in still absolute rate of royalty is prescribed.
- (iii) To recommend the revision of rates of dead rent & surface rent.
- (iv) To suggest steps for suitable royalty administration.

The committee shall consider the relevant factors including the market prices of minerals, cost of production thereof, rates of royalty and rent in other States and other relevant factors as well as hold consultations with representatives of industries and user organisation as it may deem appropriate and submit its recommendations on the revision in the rates of royalty, surface rent and dead rent.

The Study Group shall submit its report within three months.

By Order of the Governor

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